proposals for the transport of passengers as well and there is correspondence already going on in that matter with the Travancore Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—What is that proposal?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—To have steam launches.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*—Is there not a toll near that Aroor river?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Yes.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*—What is the toll collection yearly?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The whole taluk is auctioned, there is no separate auction for this.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know how far you have progressed with the proposal to have steam launches?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The Travancore Government have asked for our opinion in the matter and the matter is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumarn Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—How long ago is it?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Very recently, within a month.

School Building—Kozhipara—construction of.

165. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon** *(Chittur Rural).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether their attention has been invited at any time before this regarding the dangerous state of the school building at Kozhipara;

(2) if so, on how many occasions and by whom;

(3) whether they have estimated the cost of the repair;

(4) if so, what is the amount of the estimate;

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(5) how many pupils are accommodated in the tiled building which is in a dangerous state;

(6) has this school any playground;

(7) what is the approximate area of the compound on which the school is situate?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—(1) Yes; the question is based on the assumption that the school building is in a dangerous condition at present. This assumption is not correct. Government were aware that the roof of the building was in need of repairs and accordingly repairs costing Rs. 350 were executed in 1106. Now there are no visible symptoms of danger. Necessary minor repairs are included in the P. C. R. work every year.

(2) Once in 1106 by one Fr. John of Coimbatore Church.

(3) Yes.

(4) Rs. 350.

(5) 120 pupils are accommodated in this building. The building is not in a dangerous condition as the repairs have already been executed.

(6) No.

(7) Nearly 10 cents.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Is the Director in a position to say that the building requires no immediate attention?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is not in a dangerous condition, it is quite safe.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Will the Government be pleased to give a few more cents?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The question of giving additional space to some of the elementary schools is engaging the attention of Government and proposals are submitted year after year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether this Rs. 350 will give you more or less permanent safety?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—All such repairs give temporary immunity.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Subsequent to these repairs has there been any complaint about the dangerous condition of this building?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—No. Every year some money is spent for P. C. R. and last time I visited the school a few months ago the condition was unsafe but repairs were done.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Does the area of 10 cents satisfy your standard requirements of educational institutions?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is a very large question. The absence of playgrounds works some hardship. But even if there are playgrounds it seems hard to detain small children after four.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Don't you recognise that these children require space for their childish pranks?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is a rural area and it has got green fields all around. On both sides of the road beyond a furlong or so there are plenty of fields.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Do the Government expect those boys to play there during the interval?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Playing during the interval is not compulsory. It is for some pleasant exercise. What the children want is some more rest and leisure. If the Hon'ble Member asks me whether the school is an ideal one my answer is 'no'.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether there is no provision for drill.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—In the case of primary schools we have no separate hours for drill.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether there is a garden attached?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—There is a small garden by the side of the school.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Does it satisfy your standard?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It does satisfy certain standards.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—What is the cost of acquisition there?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—It will depend upon other circumstances and therefore I cannot give an off-hand answer.

Fishing—Chakkarachal—particulars regarding.

166. Mr. M. A. Sankunny *(Nominated).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether fishing is going on in the Chakkarachal;

(b) if so, in what part of the year;

(c) whether Government got any revenue out of it;

(d) if so, how much?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—(a), (b), (c) and (d). No fishing is allowed in Chakkarachal.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എ. ശങ്കുണ്ണി *(Nominated).*— ഈ ചാല് തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റേയും കൊച്ചിയുടേയും മധ്യത്തിലാണ് സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്യുന്നതെന്ന ഗവൺമെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ *(Diwan Peishkar).*— മധ്യത്തിലല്ല, രണ്ടിന്റേയും അതിർത്തിയിലാണ്. ആയതു പകുതി ഭാഗം തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലും പകുതിഭാഗം കൊച്ചിയിലുമാണ്.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—May I know whether the Travancore Government is realising any amount by leasing out the place?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Yes.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—May I know whether the Cochin Government is realising any thing, by letting out this chal for fishing?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—No.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—Why has not the Government chosen to do so?

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